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ANNUAL REPORT

**Annual Report
of the
Selectmen
and other
Town Officers
of the
Town of Acworth
New Hampshire**

for the Year Ending December 31, 1979

*Please bring this Town Report to Town Meeting
on Tuesday, March 11, 1980*

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Town Officers & Committees

Moderator	Kenneth Grant
Board of Selectmen	Raymond W. Roy - 1982 Marshall S. Waller - 1981 Lyman A. Young - 1980
Town Clerk	Brenda Pitkin
Tax Collector	Leon F. Newton
Treasurer	Earl F. Luther, Jr.
Supervisors of the Checklist	Gladys Ring Roselva Dearden Maude H. Moody
Overseer of the Poor & Health Officer	Kathleen Maxwell
Auditor	Alston W. Barrett
Constable & Dog Warden	Herman Barth
Trustees of Trust Funds	Sandra Lord - 1982 Marguerite Hanson - 1981 Don Sprague - 1980
Trustees of Acworth Silsby Free Library	Debbie Hinman - 1982 Christine Grant - 1981 Alva Grant - 1980
Librarians	Maude H. Moody & Carol Lamp
Budget Committee	Gordon H. Gowen - 1982 Thomas Esslinger - 1982 Linda L. Christie - 1981 Joseph Boivin - 1980 Roscoe Clark - 1980 Elbert Knically - 1980
Road Agent Appointment	Don Porter
Road Committee	Francis Wood - 1982 Ralph Balla - 1982 Elmer Rhoades, Chairman - 1981 Kenneth Christie - 1981 Gordon H. Gowen - 1980 Carlton Tinker - 1980 Don Porter - Road Agent
Planning Board	Kenneth Christie - 1982 Marguerite Hanson - 1982 Alston W. Barrett, Chairman - 1981 Robert Weaver - 1981 James G. Phinizy - 1980 Frances Streeter - 1980
Conservation Commission	Craig Lawler - 1983 Kenneth Grant - 1983 Deborah Hinman - 1982 Rose Knight - 1982 Barbara Kaiser - 1981 G. Kristian Fenderson, Chairman - 1980 Elizabeth K. Smith - 1980

Acworth Town Warrant

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Acworth in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to bring in your votes for Town Officers to the Town Hall on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, next between the hours of two of the clock in the afternoon until eight of the clock in the evening; and,

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Acworth on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, next at seven-thirty of the clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

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1. To see if the Town will accept the Minutes of Town Meeting of March 13, 1979.
 2. To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to serve as Pound Keepers, Measurers of Wood and Fence Viewers.
 3. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
 4. To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen to appoint the Road Agent.
 5. To see if the Town will appropriate and authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw \$9,365.00 from the Revenue Sharing Fund for use as set-offs against budgeted appropriations for the following specific purposes and in the amounts indicated herewith:

Appropriated Purpose	Amount
Leon Newton Bridge	\$5,000.00
Acworth Volunteer Fire Dept.	2,000.00
South Acworth Bridge	1,365.00
Silsby Free Library	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$9,365.00

6. To see if the Town will accept the Budget as submitted and recommended by the Budget Committee.
7. Are you in favor of a three-man Board of Assessors to be the legal assessing authority for the Town? (Ballot vote only.) (Ref. N.H.R.S.A. 41:2-C through 41:2-i) *By Petition.*
8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to contract for municipal data processing of tax and other related records.
9. To see if the Town will vote to change the authority of the "Regulator" from the Planning Board to the Board of Selectmen for all purposes as defined in N.H.R.S.A. 155-E; ie New Hampshire statute controlling commercial excavations of earth and earth-like materials.
10. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following amounts for perpetual care of specific lots in the Acworth Cemetery:
 - \$200.00 for the Earl F. Luther Lot,
 - \$100.00 for the Scott Farley Lot,
 - \$100.00 for the Edwin B. Dahlin Lot.

11. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Trustees of Trust Funds to consolidate their Trust Accounts, wherever applicable, for purposes of accounting and income.
12. To see if the Town will vote to prohibit the transportation of radioactive materials and radioactive waste from nuclear facilities within the Acworth Town lines. *By Petition.*
13. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to change the classification of the road from R. Wilson's property to A. Supplee's property from Class VI to Class V. *By Petition.*
14. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to change the classification of all roads, both private and public, to Class V that are located west of the Merrill Davis property and within Pierce Brook Estates. *By Petition*
15. To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

Lyman A. Young
Marshall S. Waller
Raymond W. Roy

Acworth, N.H., February 20, 1980

Selectmen of Acworth

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the South Acworth Village Store, it being a public place in said Town, on the 20th day of February, 1980.

Lyman A. Young
Marshall S. Waller
Raymond W. Roy
Selectmen of Acworth

Auditor's Report

I have examined the records of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer and Trustees and have found them to be correctly recorded and properly vouched.

Respectfully submitted
Alston W. Barrett, Town Auditor

January 31, 1980

Minutes of Town Meeting

March 13, 1979

The Inhabitants of the Town of Acworth met at the Town Hall at 7:30 P.M. on March 13, 1979 according to the Warrant and acted on the Articles thereon:

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Kenneth Grant. He read the Warrant and Reverend Harold Craw offered a prayer.

The following Town Officers were elected:

Selectman, 3-year Term	Raymond W. Roy
Town Clerk	Brenda G. Pitkin
Tax Collector	Leon F. Newton
Treasurer	Earl F. Luther, Jr.
Overseer of Poor	Kathleen M. Maxwell
Auditor	Alston W. Barrett
Constable	Herman Barth
Dog Warden	Herman Barth
Trustee of Trust Fund, 3-year Term	Sandra Lord
Trustee of Acworth Silsby Library, 3-year Term	Deborah Hinman
Trustee of Acworth Silsby Library, 2-year Term	Christine Grant
Budget Committee, 3-year Term	Thomas H. Esslinger
3-year Term	Gordon Gowen
1-year Term	Joseph Boivin
Road Committee, 3-year Term	Ralph Balla
3-year Term	Francis Wood
Planning Board, 3-year Term	Kenneth Christie
3-year Term	Marguerite Hanson

ARTICLES:

1. Voted to empower the Selectmen to serve as Pound Keepers, Measurers of Wood and Fence Viewers.
2. Voted to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
3. Voted to direct the Selectmen to appoint the Road Agent.
4. Voted to pay to the Crescent Lake Association, Inc. (a non-profit organization), the sum of \$250.00 in order to increase police protection for property within the Crescent Lake area, to which the Crescent Lake Association, Inc. will match, dollar-for-dollar, to hire the services of Mr. Edward Bruno for year 'round protection of cottages and road patrol.
5. Voted to appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for improvements to the Acworth Silsby Free Library building and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.
6. Amended article to divide into two questions: (1) Voted to appropriate \$1500 for a trailer and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

Trailer: 103 Voted — 89 YES 14 NO

(2) Voted not to appropriate \$4,000.00 for a truck and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the Provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

Truck: 102 Voted — 36 YES 66 NO

7. Voted to appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for a Police Cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the Provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.
8. Voted to appropriate three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for early Debt Retirement of the South Acworth Bridge debt and authorize withdrawal of this sum for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.
9. Voted to accept the Budget after it was amended to read \$141,785.00. This is minus the \$4,000.00 for truck which did not pass.
10. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, by means of Public competitive bids, selected standing timber on Town Forest Lands, in such amounts to benefit the remaining forest, and to use all Revenues obtained from this article to accelerate repayment of principal of long-term debt.
11. Voted not to authorize the Selectmen to sell the Champney Lot located on the West side of Keys Hollow Road, East Acworth.
12. Voted to accept two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in trust, for the perpetual care of the Everett Knight Cemetery Lot (Section I, Lot 3, new part of the Acworth Cemetery).
13. Selectmen to check and see about the ownership of Hearse and who is to insure it.

Mrs. Mildred Ingram spoke on Amtrak. She floated a petition around not to stop it from going to Montreal.

Robertson Smith read the attached brochure about the cost of more than 1/2 of what most towns are paying for schools. Took a vote of how many would be for each action and those against:

VOTE: 59 Voted — 34 YES 25 NO

Earl Luther made a motion that a committee of five (of whom one shall be a Selectman) be appointed by the Moderator, within 15 days. This Committee to study, prepare and present to the next Annual Meeting a proposal for the establishment of a separate Board of Assessors. Motion Passed.

Motion was made to take a census of the Meeting toward the renovation of Rt. 123A. Motion Passed.

Meeting recessed to count ballots at 10:00 P.M. After counting of Ballots, Meeting adjourned at 11:51 P.M.

Brenda Pitkin, Town Clerk

Budget of the Town of Acworth

	Appropriation 1979	Expended 1979	Recommended 1980
General Government			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 5,685.00	\$ 5,935.00	\$ 5,935.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,935.00	2,756.51	3,980.00
Election and Registration	330.00	455.10	950.00
Town Buildings	1,650.00	1,605.84	1,650.00
Employees' Retire. & S.S.	2,000.00	2,151.43	2,000.00
Protection of Persons & Property			
Police Department	915.00	696.02	1,000.00
Fire Department	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
Insurance	6,100.00	7,685.84	7,750.00
Planning Board	700.00	463.38	800.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	150.00	139.90	150.00
Conservation Commission	150.00	150.93	200.00
Legal Expenses	1,000.00	2,163.20	2,700.00
Dog Damage	100.00	415.00	400.00
Civil Defense	10.00	0.00	10.00
Health Department			
Visiting Nurse	1,553.00	1,552.50	1,551.00
Child and Youth Project	200.00	200.00	204.00
Town Dump	2,000.00	157.70	2,000.00
Highways and Bridges			
Town Maintenance	53,347.00	50,740.51	53,280.00
Street Lighting	1,000.00	1,055.19	1,200.00
General Expenses	16,000.00	13,842.80	16,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,214.00	1,214.81	1,198.00
Library			
Acworth Silsby Free Library	2,650.00	2,800.00	3,162.00
Public Welfare			
Town Poor	200.00	100.00	200.00
Old Age Assistance	600.00	1,596.96	600.00
Patriotic Purposes			
Memorial Day & Old Home Day	100.00	75.00	100.00
Recreation			
Mowing Commons	200.00	180.00	200.00
Public Service Enterprises			
Cemeteries	300.00	300.00	300.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	550.00	586.31	750.00
Debt Service			
Principal—Long-Term Notes	18,000.00	19,635.00	13,365.00
Interest—Long-Term Notes	2,375.00	2,306.50	1,217.00
Interest—Temporary Notes	3,000.00	2,814.04	3,000.00
Capital Outlay			
Highway Subsidy, Class V, 241:15	8,271.00	8,174.64	10,611.00
Town Buildings Equipment	1,000.00	835.60	1,000.00
Fire House Improvements	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Library Building Repairs	1,000.00	858.75	0.00
Highway Department Trailer	*1,500.00	900.00	0.00
Police Cruiser	2,000.00	2,417.60	0.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$141,785.00	\$139,962.06	\$143,463.00

Budget (continued)

* Amended at Town Meeting
from \$5,500.00 to \$1,500.00

	Estimated 1979	Received 1979	Estimated 1980
Sources of Revenue			
State			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,496.05	\$ 4,500.00
Bank Tax	1,000.00	900.88	900.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	3,100.00	4,176.05	4,000.00
Highway Subsidies:			
R.S.A. 241:11	13,908.00	13,908.31	19,508.00
R.S.A. 241:14	12,756.00	12,850.16	12,672.00
R.S.A. 241:15	8,271.00	7,940.68	10,611.00
Reimb—State Lands	100.00	132.30	100.00
Reimb—Business & Profits Tax	889.00	889.00	889.00
Town Revenue			
Dog Licenses	500.00	594.50	500.00
Business Licenses & Filing Fees	300.00	495.60	400.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	12,000.00	14,010.00	12,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	3,000.00	4,362.37	4,000.00
Resident Taxes—1979	3,000.00	2,920.00	3,000.00
Yield Taxes—Timber, 1979	4,000.00	4,505.52	3,000.00
Rent of Town Buildings	150.00	210.00	200.00
Sale of Gove Lot Timber, 1979	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Federal Sources			
Revenue Sharing Withdrawals	11,500.00	7,500.00	9,365.00
Total Revenue Except Prop. Taxes	<u>80,474.00</u>	<u>92,007.56</u>	<u>87,145.00</u>
Estimated Revenue from Prop. Taxes	<u>61,311.00</u>	<u>47,989.18</u>	<u>56,318.00</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$141,785.00	\$139,996.74	\$143,463.00

Statement of Appropriations - 1979

General Government

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 5,685.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,935.00
Election and Registration	330.00
Town Buildings Expenses	1,650.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	2,000.00

Protection of Persons & Property

Police Department	915.00
Fire Department	3,000.00
Insurance	6,100.00
Planning Board	700.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	150.00
Conservation Commission	150.00
Legal Expenses	1,000.00
Dog Damage	100.00
Civil Defense	10.00

Health Department

Visiting Nurse	1,553.00
Child and Youth Project	200.00
Town Dump	2,000.00

Highways and Bridges

Town Maintenance	53,347.00
Street Lighting	1,000.00
General Expenses	16,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,214.00

Library

Acworth Silsby Free Library	2,650.00
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Public Welfare

Town Poor	200.00
Old Age Assistance	600.00

Patriotic Purposes

Memorial Day & Old Home Day	100.00
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Recreation

Mowing Commons	200.00
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Public Service Enterprises

Cemeteries	300.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	550.00

Debt Service

Principal—Long-Term Notes	18,000.00
Interest—Long-Term Notes	2,375.00
Interest—Temporary Notes	3,000.00

Capital Outlay

Highway Subsidy, Class V, 241:15	8,271.00
Library Building Repairs	1,000.00
Town Buildings Equipment	1,000.00
Highway Department Trailer	1,500.00
Police Cruiser	2,000.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

\$141,785.00

Less: Estimated Revenues

Sources of Revenue:

From Town Taxes (except Property Taxes)

Resident Taxes	\$ 3,920.00
Yield Taxes	4,727.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes (3,000 & 1,000)	4,000.00

From State Taxes

Interest and Dividends Tax	4,496.00
Bank Tax	901.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	4,176.00
Highway Subsidies	34,604.00
Reimb. State Lands	132.00
Reimb. Business Profits Tax	889.00

From Town Sources, (except Taxes)

Dog Licenses	500.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	300.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	12,000.00
Rent of Town Property	150.00
Sale of Town Property—Timber	1,500.00

Receipts (other than Current Revenue)

Revenue Sharing Funds	7,500.00
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TOTAL REVENUE **\$ 79,795.00**

Total Town Appropriations	\$141,785.00	
Less: Estimated Revenues	- 79,795.00	
Equals: Net Town Appropriations		\$ 61,990.00
Add: Fall Mountain Regional School Assessment	190,355.00	
Add: Sullivan County Assessment	22,493.00	
Equals: Total Town, School, County		274,838.00
Less: Total Bus. Profits Tax Reimbursement	- 13,005.00	
Add: War Service Credits	2,800.00	
Add: Overlay	3,395.00	
Equals: Property Taxes to be Raised		268,028.00
Less: War Service Credits	- 2,800.00	
Equals: Total Tax Commitment		\$265,228.00

Property Taxes Committed to Collector

Gross Property Taxes	\$268,028.00	
Less: War Service Tax Credits	- 2,800.00	
Equals: Net Tax Commitment		\$265,228.00

Distribution of Tax Burden

Town	\$1.04	
School	2.94	
County	.35	
Total Tax Rate	\$4.33	Per \$100.00 assessed valuation

Summary Inventory of Valuation

Land	\$2,176,042.00	
Buildings	3,853,885.00	
Public Utilities (2)	173,201.00	
House Trailers, Mobile Homes, Trailers (30)	86,900.00	
Boats (o)	0.00	
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Total Valuations before Exemptions		\$6,290,028.00
Less: Elderly Exemptions (19)	95,000.00	
Less: Blind Exemption (1)	5,000.00	
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Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed		\$6,190,028.00

Number of Inventories Mailed on March 21, 1979	599
Number of Inventories Returned	548

Tax Commitment Divided by Net Valuation Equals Tax Rate:

$$1979: \frac{\$268,028.00}{\$6,190,028.00} = \$4.33$$

Comparative Statement of 1979 Appropriations from Budget

	Appropriated by 1979 Budget	Expended	Credit	Debit
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 5,685.00	\$ 5,935.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 250.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,935.00	2,756.51	178.49	0.00
Election and Registration	330.00	455.10	0.00	125.10
Town Buildings	1,650.00	1,605.84	44.16	0.00
Employees' Ret. & S.S.	2,000.00	2,151.43	0.00	151.43
Police Department	915.00	696.02	218.98	0.00
Fire Department	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	6,100.00	7,685.84	0.00	1,585.84
Planning Board	700.00	463.38	236.62	0.00
Zoning Bd. of Adjustment	150.00	139.90	10.10	0.00
Conservation Commission	150.00	150.93	0.00	.93
Legal Expenses	1,000.00	2,163.20	0.00	1,163.20
Dog Damage	100.00	415.00	0.00	315.00
Civil Defense	10.00	0.00	10.00	0.00
Visiting Nurse	1,553.00	1,552.50	.50	0.00
Child & Youth Project	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
Town Dump	2,000.00	157.70	1,842.30	0.00
Town Maint.—Highway	53,347.00	50,740.51	2,606.49	0.00
Street Lighting	1,000.00	1,055.19	0.00	55.19
General Exp.—Highway	16,000.00	13,842.80	2,157.20	0.00
Town Road Aid	1,214.00	1,214.81	0.00	.81
Library	2,650.00	2,800.00	0.00	150.00
Town Poor	200.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
Old Age Assistance	600.00	1,596.96	0.00	996.96
Memorial Day	100.00	75.00	25.00	0.00
Parks—mowing Common	200.00	180.00	20.00	0.00
Cemeteries	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00
Adv. & Regional Assoc.	550.00	586.31	0.00	36.31
Debt Service:				
Principal—Long-term	18,000.00	19,635.00	0.00	1,635.00
Interest—Long-Term	2,375.00	2,306.50	68.50	0.00
Interest—Temp. Notes	3,000.00	2,814.04	185.96	0.00
Capital Outlay:				
Hwy. Subsidy 241:15	8,271.00	8,174.64	96.36	0.00
Library Repairs	1,000.00	858.75	141.25	0.00
Town Hall Equipment	1,000.00	835.60	164.40	0.00
Highway Trailer	1,500.00	900.00	600.00	0.00
Police Cruiser	2,000.00	2,417.60	0.00	417.60
	\$141,785.00	\$139,962.06	\$ 8,706.31	\$ 6,883.37

\$141,785.00

- 139,962.06

\$ 1,822.94 - Balance to Surplus from Budget Items

Financial Report

For the Year Ended December 31, 1979

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of Treasurer	\$ 37,775.28	
In hands of Officials	0.00	
A. Revenue Sharing Account	13,076.11	
B. Conservation Commission Account	464.87	
TOTAL		\$ 51,316.26
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1978	9,266.10	
Levy of 1977	4,456.24	
Previous Years	5,539.86	
TOTAL		19,262.20
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1979 (including Resident & Yield)	61,842.28	
Levy of 1978	751.42	
Levy of 1977	0.00	
Previous Years	0.00	
TOTAL		62,593.70
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 133,172.16
Current Deficit		0.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$133,172.16
Current Surplus December 31, 1978		5,081.71
Current Surplus December 31, 1979		14,968.97
Increase of Surplus—Change in Financial Condition		9,887.26

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Bills Outstanding	\$ 0.00	
Unexpended Balances of Special Approp.	1,675.00	
Unexpended Balances of Note Funds	0.00	
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	13,076.11	
Due to State [2% etc.]	1,255.60	
Yield Tax Deposits	1,731.61	
County Taxes Payable	0.00	
School District Tax Payable	100,000.00	
Tax Anticipation Notes Outstanding	0.00	
Other Liabilities:		
Conservation Commission Account	464.87	
TOTAL Accounts Owed by Town		118,203.19
Capital Reserve Accounts		0.00
Total Liabilities		\$118,203.19
Current Surplus (excess of assets over liab)		14,968.97
GRAND TOTAL		\$133,172.16

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes—1979	\$206,035.83
Resident Taxes—1979	2,920.00
Yield Taxes—1979	4,505.52

Total Current Year's Taxes \$213,461.35

Property, Resident and Yield Taxes—Previous Years

Property Taxes—Previous Years	63,114.95
Resident Taxes—Previous Years	680.00
Yield Taxes—Previous Years	3,718.73
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	4,337.74
Resident Tax Penalties	72.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	7,723.93

Total Taxes—Previous Years 79,647.35

From State:

For Highways & Bridges:

A. Town Road Aid	3,093.60
B. Class V Hwy RSA241:11 (Duncan)	13,908.31
C. Class V Highway	
(241:14-\$12,850.16)(241:15-\$7,940.68)	20,790.84

Interest and Dividends Tax	4,496.05
Bank Tax	900.88
Reim.—Motor Vehicle Road Toll	541.98
Reim.—Old Age Assistance	2,136.94
Meals & Rooms Tax	4,176.05
Business Profits Tax	13,005.14
Bounties	16.50
Reim.—State Lands	132.30
All other Receipts from State	0.00

Total from State 63,198.59

From Local Sources (except Taxes):

Dog Licenses	594.50
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	495.60
Rent of Town Property	210.00
Interest received on Deposits	0.00
Motor Vehicle Permits	14,010.00

Total from Local Sources Except Taxes 15,310.10

TOTAL CURRENT REVENUE RECEIPTS \$371,617.39

Receipts other than Current Revenue:

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	95,000.00
Proceeds of Long-Term Notes	0.00
Insurance Adjustments	343.10
Refunds—Federal Government	229.17
Sale of Town Property	297.46
Yield Tax Security Deposits	4,954.50

Grants from USA:

A. Revenue Sharing	15,300.00
B. Interest on Revenue Sharing Funds	0.00
C. All other Grants	0.00

All Other Receipts:

From Revenue Sharing Savings Acct.	7,500.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS other than current revenue	\$123,624.23
Total Receipts from All Sources	495,241.62
Cash on Hand January 1, 1979	<u>9,987.76</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$505,229.38

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 5,935.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,756.51
Election and Registration	455.10
Expenses—Town Buildings	<u>1,605.84</u>

\$ 10,752.45

Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department	696.02
Fire Department	3,000.00
Planning Board	463.38
Zoning Board of Adjustment	139.90
Conservation Commission	150.93
Damage by Dogs	415.00
Insurance	7,685.84
Civil Defense	0.00
Bounties	<u>16.50</u>

12,567.57

Health

Fall Mountain Visiting Nurse Assn.	1,552.50
Child and Youth Project	200.00
Town Dump	<u>157.70</u>

1,910.20

Highways and Bridges

Town Road Aid	3,756.06
Town Maintenance	50,740.51
Street Lighting	1,055.19
General Expenses	<u>13,842.80</u>

69,394.56

Library

Silsby Free Library	2,800.00
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Public Welfare

Old Age Assistance	1,596.96
Town Poor	<u>100.00</u>

1,696.96

Patriotic Purposes

Memorial Day & Old Home Day	75.00
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Recreation

Parks and Playgrounds	180.00
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Public Service Enterprises

Cemeteries	300.00
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Unclassified:

Legal Expenses	2,163.20	
Advertising & Regional Associations	586.31	
Taxes Bought by Town	12,056.15	
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds	224.32	
Employees' Retirement & S.S.	2,151.43	
Uncollected Yield Tax To Tax Collector	3,222.89	
Rev. Shar. Deposits to Rev. Shar. Acct.	<u>15,300.00</u>	\$
Total Unclassified		<u>35,704.30</u>

TOTAL Current Maintenance Expenses \$ 135,381.04

Current Payments (other than Maintenance)

Debt Service

Interest on Debt:		
Paid on Tax Anticipation Notes	2,814.04	
Paid on Long-Term Notes	<u>2,306.50</u>	\$
TOTAL INTEREST		5,120.54

Principal of Debt

Paid on Tax Anticipation Notes	95,000.00	
Paid on Long-Term Notes	<u>19,635.00</u>	\$
TOTAL PRINCIPAL		114,635.00

Capital Outlay

Highways and Bridges (RAS 241:15)	8,174.64	
Land and Buildings	1,694.35	
Highway Department Trailer	900.00	
Police Cruiser	2,417.60	
Master Plan	1,886.30	
Tax Map	<u>3,139.27</u>	\$
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY		18,212.16

Payments to other Governmental Divisions

NH Treasurer—Dog Taxes	84.00	
NH Treasurer—Debt Retirement Taxes	1,173.30	
Taxes Paid to County	22,493.00	
Payments to School District	<u>170,355.06</u>	\$
TOTAL PAYMENTS to Other Gov't Div.		194,105.36

TOTAL CURRENT Pmts Other than Maintenance 332,073.06

TOTAL CURRENT Maintenance Expenses 135,381.04

TOTAL CURRENT Pmts other than Maint. 332,073.06

TOTAL PMTS FOR ALL PURPOSES 467,454.10

Cash on Hand December 31, 1979 37,775.28

GRAND TOTAL \$505,229.38

Schedule of Long-Term Indebtedness as of December 31, 1979

Long-Term Notes Outstanding		
Leon Newton Bridge	\$ 7,500.00	
Town Hall Reconstruction	14,000.00	
South Acworth Bridge	<u>1,365.00</u>	
Total Outstanding		\$ 22,865.00

Reconciliation of Outstanding Long-Term Indebtedness

Outstanding Long-Term Debt, January 1, 1979		\$42,500.00
New Debt Created During 1979:		
Long-Term Notes	0.00	
Bonds	<u>0.00</u>	
Total		42,500.00
Debt Retirement During 1979:		
Long-Term Notes Paid:		
Leon Newton Bridge	5,000.00	
Town Hall Reconstruction	7,000.00	
South Acworth Bridge	<u>7,635.00</u>	
Total Principal Payments		<u>19,635.00</u>
Outstanding Long-Term Debt—December 31, 1979		\$22,865.00

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

From Tax Collector:

Property Taxes—1979	\$206,035.83
Resident Taxes—1979	2,920.00
Yield Taxes—1979	4,505.52
Property Taxes—Previous Years	63,114.95
Resident Taxes—Previous Years	680.00
Yield Taxes—Previous Years	3,718.73
Resident Tax Penalties	72.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	7,723.93
Interest	4,337.74

\$293,108.70

From Town Clerk:

Dog Licenses	594.50
Automobile Permits	14,010.00

14,604.50

From State of New Hampshire:

Reimb. Tax Loss—State Land	132.30
Gas Tax Refund	541.98
Bounties	16.50
Highway Subsidy RSA 241:11	13,908.31
Highway Subsidy RSA 241:14	12,850.16
Highway Subsidy RSA 241:15	7,940.68
Savings Bank Tax	900.88
Interest and Dividends Tax	4,496.05
Business Profits Tax	13,005.14
Rooms & Meals Tax	4,176.05
Old Age Assistance Recovery	2,136.94
Town Road Aid Refund—Labor	3,093.60

63,198.59

From Federal Sources:

Revenue Sharing Deposits	15,300.00
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From Miscellaneous Sources:

Fees and Permits	495.60
Yield Tax Security Deposits	4,954.50
Tax Anticipation Notes	95,000.00
Insurance Adjustments	300.10
Revenue Sharing Savings Account	7,500.00
Rent of Town Hall	210.00
Refunds	229.17
Sale of Town Property	297.46
Court Judgment	43.00

109,029.83

TOTAL CURRENT RECEIPTS

495,241.62

Balance, January 1, 1979

9,987.76

GRANT TOTAL—RECEIPTS

\$505,229.38

Less: GRAND TOTAL—DISBURSEMENTS

467,454.10

Balance, December 31, 1979

\$ 37,775.28

Treasurer's Savings Accounts

Revenue Sharing Account—Conn. River Bank:

Balance, January 1, 1979		\$ 4,816.38
Deposits	15,300.00	
Interest	459.73	
Less: Withdrawal	<u>7,500.00</u>	
Balance, December 31, 1979		\$13,076.11

Conservation Commission Account

Walpole Savings Bank

Balance, January 1, 1979	440.24	
Deposits	0.00	
Interest	<u>24.63</u>	
Balance, December 31, 1979		\$ 464.87

Earl F. Luther, Jr., *Treasurer*

Revenue Sharing Fund

Report of Town Audit

Year Ending December 31, 1979

Available Funds		
Balance, January 1, 1979		\$ 4,816.38
Federal Deposits—1979:		
January	3,825.00	
April	3,825.00	
July	3,825.00	
October	<u>3,825.00</u>	
TOTAL—1979 Deposits		15,300.00
Interest		<u>459.73</u>
TOTAL Available Funds		\$20,576.11
Expenditures:		
Acworth Silsby Free Library	1,000.00	
Highway Department Trailer	1,500.00	
Police Cruiser	2,000.00	
South Acworth Bridge—early debt. retir.	<u>3,000.00</u>	
TOTAL Payments		<u>7,500.00</u>
Balance December 31, 1979		<u>\$ 13,076.11</u>

We have examined the accounts and records of the Revenue Sharing Fund of the Town of Acworth, N.H. for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1979.

In our opinion, the above Statement of Revenue, Appropriations and Available Unobligated Funds presents fairly the revenue, expenditures and encumbrances incurred, and status of Revenue Sharing Funds of the Town of Acworth, N.H. for the year ended December 31, 1979.

Alston W. Barrett, Auditor
Town of Acworth

January 31, 1980

Tax Collector's Report

Summary of Warrant Levy of 1979

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property	\$265,754.45	
Resident	3,920.00	
Yield	6,511.68	
Added Taxes		
Resident	240.00	
Interest Collected	52.97	
Penalties Collected	9.00	
TOTAL		\$276,488.10

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property	206,035.83	
Resident	2,920.00	
Yield	4,505.52	
Interest	52.97	
Penalties	9.00	
Sub-Total		213,523.32
Uncollected, December 31, 1979		
Property	58,596.12	
Resident	1,240.00	
Yield	2,006.16	
Sub-Total		61,842.28
Abatements		1,122.50
TOTAL		\$276,488.10

Summary of Warrant Levy of 1978

DEBITS

Uncollected, January 1, 1979		
Property	\$63,202.15	
Resident	1,050.00	
Yield	2,608.86	
Sub-Total		66,861.01
Added Taxes		
Resident	50.00	
Yield	1,310.61	
Interest Collected	2,859.18	
Penalties Collected	62.00	
Sub-Total		4,281.79
TOTAL		\$71,142.80

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	63,076.15	
Resident Taxes	670.00	
Yield Taxes	3,553.21	
Interest	2,859.18	
Penalties	62.00	
Sub-Total		70,220.54
Abatements		
Property	126.00	
Yield	44.84	
Sub-Total		170.84
Uncollected		
Resident	430.00	
Yield	321.42	
Sub-Total		751.42
TOTAL		\$71,142.80

Summary of Warrant Levy of 1977

DEBITS

Uncollected, January 1, 1979		
Property	\$ 180.00	
Resident	550.00	
Yield	165.52	
Sub-Total		\$ 895.52
Interest Collected	3.56	
Penalties Collected	1.00	
Sub-Total		4.56
TOTAL		\$ 900.08

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property	38.80	
Resident	10.00	
Yield	165.52	
Interest	3.56	
Penalties	1.00	
Sub-Total		218.88
Abatements		
Property	141.20	
Resident	540.00	
Sub-Total		681.20
TOTAL		\$ 900.08

Summary of Tax Sales Accounts as of December 31, 1979

DEBITS

	Tax Sales on Account of the Levies of:		
	1978	1977	Previous Yrs
Unredeemed, January 1, 1979	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,722.20	\$ 9,207.18
Taxes sold to Town during 1979	12,056.75	0.00	0.00
Interest Collected	9.41	104.49	1,308.13
TOTAL	\$ 12,066.16	\$ 5,826.69	\$ 10,515.31

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer	\$ 2,790.65	\$ 1,265.96	\$ 3,667.32
Interest Paid to Treasurer	9.41	104.49	1,308.13
Unredeemed, December 31, 1979	9,266.10	4,456.24	5,539.86
TOTAL	\$ 12,066.16	\$ 5,826.69	\$ 10,515.31

I hereby certify that the foregoing Tax Collector's Report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Leon F. Newton, Tax Collector

Schedule of Town Property

As of December 31, 1980

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$60,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	30,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	10,000.00
Police Department, Lands and Buildings	0.00
Equipment	3,000.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	15,000.00
Equipment	35,000.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	40,000.00
Equipment	50,000.00
Materials and Supplies	6,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	5,000.00
Lands and Buildings:	
Jennison Lot	4,000.00
Prouty Lot	2,000.00
Howe Lot	1,000.00
Johnson Lot	1,000.00
Gove Lot	20,000.00
Farnsworth Lot	5,000.00
Barton Lot	300.00
Marion Turner Lot	2,000.00
Champney Lot	1,000.00
Cold River Conservation Lot	6,000.00
TOTAL	\$298,300.00

Summary of Detail of Payments

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Lyman A. Young, Selectman	\$ 850.00
Marshall S. Waller, Selectman	850.00
Raymond W. Roy, Selectman	850.00
Leon F. Newton, Tax Collector	700.00
Brenda Pitkin, Town Clerk	1,200.00
Earl F. Luther, Jr., Treasurer	550.00
Alston W. Barrett, Auditor	125.00
Kathleen Maxwell, Overseer of Poor	60.00
Herman Barth, Constable	750.00

\$ 5,935.00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSE

Clerical Assistance	915.10
Annual Report, Publishing & Printing	837.36
Office Supplies	490.62
Postage	237.78
Telephone	255.65
Dues	20.00

2,756.51

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Supervisors	150.00
Ballot Clerks and Moderator	60.00
Ballots, Registration Cards & Checklists	245.10

455.10

TOWN BUILDINGS

Services and Supplies	591.87
Fuel	553.54
Town Garage Chimney	460.43

1,605.84

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Supplies and Uniforms	403.12
Gasoline	173.51
Services	119.39

696.02

ACWORTH VOL. FIRE CO., INC.

Town Appropriation	3,000.00
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3,000.00

PLANNING BOARD

Printing and Typing	151.58
Postage and Postal Services	144.30
Public Notices	157.50
Registry of Deeds	10.00

463.38

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Public Notices	139.90
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139.90

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Dues: 1978 and 1979	55.00
Public Advertisements and Notices	45.37
Printing	40.56
Supplies	10.00

150.93

DAMAGES BY DOGS

Sheep	400.00
Dog Disposal	15.00
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415.00

BOUNTIES

Bounties	16.50
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16.50

INSURANCE

Fleet	3,129.00
Workmen's Compensation	2,273.00
Multi-Peril-Buildings	1,382.00
Concord General Life—Road Agent	293.30
Unemployment Compensation Fund	239.54
Town Officers' Bonds	236.00
Personnel Liability	105.00
Radio	28.00
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7,685.84

HEALTH

Fall Mountain Visiting Nurse Assn.	1,552.50
Child and Youth Project	200.00
Town Dump	157.70
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1,910.20

HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES—TOWN MAINT.

Town Road Aid:

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	1,214.81
Labor	2,543.25
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	3,758.06

Town Maintenance:

Labor (net)	25,453.92
IRS	2,182.60
Social Security	2,151.43
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	29,787.95

Supplies:

Culverts	3,409.10
Salt	1,108.69
Calcium Chloride	779.18
Parts	69.52
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	5,366.49

Equipment Rental:

Loader, Snow Removal	662.90
Chipper	137.50
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	800.40

Contract Services:

Crushing Gravel (2,000 yds)	3,800.00
Asphalt, Crescent Lake Road	3,263.49
Grader Blades	2,615.00
Truck & Driver Contracts	3,458.76
Screening Sand	946.40
Repair Bridge Abutment	570.00
Snow Removal	132.00
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	14,785.65
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Total—Town Maintenance

\$50,740.51

STREET LIGHTING

Granite State Electric Co.	<u>1,055.19</u>	1,055.19
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GENERAL EXPENSES

Fuel	8,384.84	
Replacement Parts & Contract Repairs	3,459.48	
Supplies and Parts	1,482.16	
Services	276.22	
Telephone	<u>239.80</u>	
		13,842.80

LIBRARY

Silsby Free Library	<u>2,800.00</u>	2,800.00
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PUBLIC WELFARE

Old Age Assistance	1,596.96	
Town Poor	<u>100.00</u>	
		1,696.96

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Memorial Day and Old Home Day	<u>75.00</u>	75.00
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RECREATION

Parks and Playgrounds	<u>180.00</u>	180.00
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PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Cemeteries	<u>300.00</u>	300.00
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LEGAL EXPENSES

Town Attorney	<u>2,163.20</u>	2,163.20
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ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASS'NS

NH Municipal Association	200.00	
Eagle Publications	8.31	
Upper Valley/Lake Sunapee Council	<u>378.00</u>	
		586.31

MISCELLANEOUS

Taxes Bought by Town:
Leon F. Newton, Tax Collector

MISCELLANEOUS

Leon F. Newton, Tax Collector, Taxes Bought by Town	12,056.15
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	222.32
Employees Retirement and Social Security	2,151.43
Uncollected Yield Taxes Bought by Town	3,222.89
Revenue Sharing Deposits to Rev. Shar. Acct.	15,300.00

DEBT SERVICE:

Long-Term Notes: Principal	19,635.00
Interest	2,306.50
Tax Anticipation Notes: Principal	95,000.00
Interest	2,814.04

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

Highway Subsidy, Class V, 241:15:		
F. W. Whitcomb #744 Topping	3,000.00	
N.E. Culvert — culverts #787	453.92	
F.W.W. — Stone #809	77.12	
L. Christie — Culvert Header	910.00	
J.H. Burroughs — Screening Sand	2,800.00	
J. Haskins — Mulch Hay	33.60	
Porter & Haskins — Shovel	900.00	
	<u> </u>	\$
		8,174.64
Library Building Repairs		858.75
Town Hall Equipment		835.60
Highway Trailer		900.00
Police Cruiser and Equipment		2,417.60
Comprehensive Master Plan—1978 Carryover		1,886.30
Tax Map — Carryover		3,139.27

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

NH Treasurer —State share of Dog Taxes		84.00
NH Treasurer—2% Bond & Debt		
Retirement Taxes—State share of Timber Tax		1,173.30
Town Taxes Paid to County		22,493.00
Town Taxes Paid to School District		\$ 170,355.06

Long-Term Debt Retirement

Schedule per Warrants

Minimum Principal Payments per Warrants

Leon Newton Bridge—1973	5,000.00	
Town Hall Reconstruction—1975	7,000.00	
*South Acworth Bridge—1977	<u>3,000.00</u>	
TOTAL PAYMENTS REQUIRED		\$15,000.00

**Balance Due 1980 = \$1,365.00*

Board of Selectmen's Report

Your three Board members are pleased to report to you that the past year of 1979 was one of continued progress in several fields.

The reconstruction of the Charlestown Road was finally commenced beginning at the western end of the State Highway. About one-quarter mile was rebuilt involving removal of boulders, rocks, mud and some blasting of ledge in order to insure proper drainage. A new large culvert was installed with a concrete header. Another section of road about the same length, continuing west, is planned for 1980. Financing of this project has been provided by the use of Highway Subsidy monies for capital improvements, thus it has not necessitated the use of town tax revenue.

The New Hampshire/Vermont Solid Waste Project covering Sullivan County and southern Windsor County in Vermont has an extensive study project underway with funding of \$135,000.00. This Phase II study commenced in October 1979 and will be completed in February 1981. Local participation and influence of direction is achieved through a Project Management Committee composed of appointed representatives from each community with certain weighted voting rights. Alston W. Barrett represents Acworth. Please see other report on Solid Waste in this Town Report. During the 1979 legislative session, the state passed an act allowing towns with a population of less than 1,000 to use open or burning dumps up until July 1, 1982, provided "the town is actively engaged in a regional solid waste feasibility study." The closing of all open dumps is imminent and the first to go will be those located near rivers.

During the latter part of 1979, Earl F. Luther, Jr. chaired a committee appointed by the Moderator to investigate the desirability of the town having a separate three-man board of assessors. Several meetings were held, one of which was a notified meeting held with the public Budget Committee meeting at which time all the information collected was presented to the public for comments. A consensus feeling has developed that a separate board would not, at least at this time, be suitable for Acworth. The Town probably would have problems filling such a board with qualified and available people and the changeover could entail serious disruptions and costs far greater than any anticipated benefits.

As an alternative to a separate board of assessors and with a strong desire to improve the whole assessing-taxing process, we have been favorably impressed with the proposed idea of contracting for computer services. This service, municipal data processing, would, in our opinion, provide at a minimal cost, a more detailed, accurate method of handling tax records of about 900 separate entries and about 590 names and addresses. At the present time, this work is all done by hand in separate ledgers. The Selectmen recommend this service to the Town and refer you to another report by the committee in this Town Report.

In the spring of 1978, an application for a Building Permit was denied by the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a lot on the north shore of Crescent Lake. This denial was appealed to the Sullivan County Superior Court resulting in a decree written by the judge that has been considered adverse to the interests of Acworth with clear implications that were also adverse to water quality protection interests throughout the state. The Conservation Commission and the Planning Board are heading, with the support of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, an appeal to the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Costs to date have been borne by contributions from state-wide concerned individuals and organizations. Please see other reports on this subject.

An administrative improvement was initiated this year to handle our fifty separate payable accounts amounting to total payments of nearly half a million dollars, represented by our writing and allocating to these individual accounts more than five hundred checks. Control of cash flow was improved and as shown in the budgeted expenditures, Comparative Statement and the Financial Statement, improved financial condition of the Town.

The Board of Selectmen meet twice a month on a regular schedule and often more frequently by appointment for individual attention to the needs of the public. All meetings are open to the public and we will be glad to answer, to the best of our ability, questions that may be of individual or general concern.

Respectfully submitted

Board of Selectmen

Acworth Planning Board

The Planning Board continues to meet regularly once a month to accommodate the general subject of land subdivision. The date of these pre-scheduled meetings was changed from the last Tuesday to the last Wednesday of each month. This change was made to reduce the use of heating oil for heating the offices when otherwise they were not used.

Additionally, we met about twelve more times for work sessions, hearings and to further accommodate enquiries from the public. The requirement for a quorum, four members, was met at all meetings.

During the past year, twelve subdivisions were granted involving the creation of fourteen additional new parcels of land. There were four additional parcels that were by plan annexed into abutting property.

Presently, we have three applications before us, which for various reasons of the applicants, have not been approved nor disapproved.

Site-Plan Review Regulation for non-residential plans was written and brought before the public for their consideration. This first draft needed some revisions which have been done and at present are under consideration. We wish to thank the interested people who came to the public hearing and expressed their ideas which have been incorporated in the new draft.

The Acworth Comprehensive Master Plan was adopted on October 1, 1979 and printing was completed later in the year. This long-range plan is now available from the Town Clerk, Board of Selectmen or the Planning Board.

The completed Master Plan represents the ideas and opinions of a large, broad, cross-section of Acworth residents and non-residents living in all the various settled sections of the Town. A great deal of the direction and emphasis of priorities reflect a detailed questionnaire that was answered by residents and non-residents. In addition to this, the policies, desires and plans developed by the Conservation Commission, the Road Committee, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Board of Selectmen, who all co-signed this document, were incorporated into the Plan.

From time-to-time the Master Plan should be amended, and the Planning Board invites the public to inform the Board where and the form that amendments will be made. We wish to thank all the many people who helped bring this State requirement, The Master Plan, to completion.

A Zoning Board of Adjustment denial of a variance concerning a Conservation Zone on Crescent Lake brought the Town into Sullivan County Superior Court. A decision adverse to the interests of the Town in particular, and the State in general, was handed down by the presiding judge. After various meetings by the Town boards and committees, a decision was made by the Town to appeal the Superior Court decision to the New Hampshire Supreme Court. At the present time this is in progress.

Respectfully submitted

Alston W. Barrett, Chairman

Acworth Conservation Commission

In the early spring of 1979, the Commission once again held its annual Green-up Day which entailed the removal of winter accumulated rubbish from various roadsides. We wish to thank all those adults and children who have now faithfully participated in this event for some years.

Much of our activity has centered around the case of Sprague vs. Acworth. Early in 1979, Dr. J. Howard Sprague of Claremont, N.H. appealed a denial of a building permit within the Conservation Zone on Crescent Lake to the Sullivan County Superior Court. The Conservation Commission was unanimous in its opposition to the granting of any such variance by the Board of Adjustment and attended several hearings and meetings with that board and others to discuss the implications of the case. The initial request appears to have been for the purpose of making the lot more saleable and not for any structure which Dr. Sprague was about to erect.

Your chairman was present in court in Newport when the case was tried and accompanied the court in its inspection of the site. The case was decided by Judge Martin Laughlin who handed down a decision which would have allowed Dr. Sprague his building permit.

The Conservation Commission was greatly disappointed in this decision, as it cast grave doubts on the effectiveness of the Conservation Zone which the townspeople had overwhelmingly adopted at the Town Meeting of 1973. Our concern went beyond Acworth, as we discussed the implications of his decision with other groups and individuals interested in preserving the quality of New Hampshire's water resources. After much discussion and debate, it was unanimously decided that the Commission make every effort to contest this decision which so strongly threatened our hard-won gains. Because of the widespread effects which this decision could have if upheld, it was decided to see if we could persuade others to join our cause and thus help defray some of our legal costs.

To accomplish this end, the Commission made a mailing to all Conservation Commissions within New Hampshire, detailing our plight and asking for financial support. In addition, your chairman attended the Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions in Plymouth, N.H. where he read a prepared statement and reiterated the appeal for support. The result of those efforts resulted in the unanimous endorsement of our appeal by the Association, the widespread publication of their endorsement and the statement that the endorsement had financial, as well as verbal, implications.

A week later, your chairman also attended the Annual Meeting of the New England River Basins Association in Hanover where he was able to discuss the matter with an even wider audience, also with positive results. Very recently we also sent a great deal of detailed information to The Water Quality Coordinator of the N.H. Association of Conservation Commissions to be presented at a major southeastern N.H. Watershed Association meeting.

As a result of these mailings, meetings and personal appeals, I am pleased to be able to report that we were able to raise over one thousand dollars toward our legal expenses in this case, primarily from sources outside of Acworth. As a result of this funding, coupled with town funds, we feel it is possible to pursue this important case.

The basic tenet which we feel should be stressed in this case, is that we adamantly oppose Judge Laughlin's view and hold instead that the Conservation Zone is not a residential zone and must never be treated in the same fashion as a simple setback requirement from an abutting property or road. We believe that it is most urgent for every conservation-oriented group or individual in New Hampshire to back the Town of Acworth in insisting that any Conservation Zone be treated with the legal respect due its significance.

Respectfully submitted

G. K. Fenderson, Chairman

Zoning Board of Adjustment

For the year ending December 31, 1979, the Board held five public hearings, granting eight variances and denying none.

The fee system recommended last year to the selectmen as a means of defraying the costs involved in the work of this Board has been instituted, and has thus far met the need for which it was designed. As costs of meeting requirements of the law change, we will adjust the system to assure that the cost of our work for the Town of Acworth remains within reasonable limits.

Court action against the Town of Acworth as the result of a denial of a variance during 1978 at Crescent Lake, necessitated the use of legal services, as well as testimony in Superior Court by the chairman of this Board in *Sprague vs. Town of Acworth*. Legal action in this suit, in which the court ruled against the Board, is presently in abeyance, an intent to appeal having been filed with the Court. Further action in this matter is contingent upon two considerations: 1. Results from examination of the ruling's impact as it applies to our zoning in particular, as well as long and short-term effects upon other zoning plans throughout the state; and, 2. The availability of funding to pursue the appeal. These considerations have been and are presently being examined by all the boards affected, as well as the Board of Adjustment, and when a consensus is reached, it is likely the matter can then be resolved. The Board of Adjustment meets at the Acworth Town Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. Those wishing to meet with the Board should contact any member of the Board prior to the meeting they wish to attend, so as to permit their placement on the agenda. Applicants for variance should bear in mind that 30 days is the minimum time required for processing a variance.

We wish to thank those who have served so ably on the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Conservation Commission for their cooperation and assistance during this year.

Respectfully submitted

For the Board

Kenneth Grant, Jr., Chairman

Acworth Silsby Free Library

It has been an active and varied year at the Library. In May a surprise appreciation party was held for Ella Newton. We were glad to express our thanks for her many years of dedicated service.

During the summer months, childrens' films were shown on Saturday morning, complete with popcorn and lemonade. Christine Grant donated her time for these.

In August, in conjunction with Old Home Day, we held a successful auction, with items generously donated from the public. Our thanks to Bob Grant our auctioneer.

The school children continue to use the Library on a regular basis. The lower grades visit on Thursday afternoons at which time our new librarian, Carol Lamp is on duty. Carol has been instrumental in keeping the Library decorated for the holidays. The children were pleased to find a tree (a lasting gift from Joan Gurlich) at Christmas all ready for them to decorate.

Debbie Hinman is in charge of a Story Hour on Thursdays. The upper grades come to the Library on Tuesdays. Miss Moody, our experienced librarian, is on duty at this time. She is assisted by Ruth Warren, Jody Waller, Karen Lawler or Alva Grant. Marion MacLeod, our organizer, is on duty Tuesday and Thursday evenings. She has been busy arranging many of our books to better use the space that we have.

Throughout the year there have been many contributions of books and gifts of money from clubs and individuals. These gifts are always appreciated and an important asset to a small library such as ours. Many thanks to each and every giver.

It was decided by the Trustees to form a committee to further study the questions that need to be answered in the installation of a toilet in the Library. Such a committee has been formed, members of which are: Bob Grant, Audrey Lyle, Kenneth Bogle, Brenda McCumber and Fay Knicely. We thank them for being willing to donate their time to this study.

The Book Mobile continues to serve us, but there is always the question of its being discontinued. With that in mind, we are trying to build up a substantial supply of interesting books with which to draw on if we find ourselves forced to depend on our own resources.

Our circulation of books per population is one of the highest in the state. Let's keep it that way — *Come use your library.*

The days and hours are as follows:

Tuesdays

Winter Schedule 12:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.
Summer Schedule 12:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Evenings throughout the year 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Maude Moody, librarian, is on duty during the afternoons, with Marion MacLeod on duty during the evenings.

Thursdays

Throughout the year 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Carol Lamp is on duty during the afternoons, with Marion MacLeod on duty during the evenings.

Library Trustees

Alva Grant

Debbie Hinman

Christine Grant, Treasurer

Respectfully submitted

Alva Grant

Financial Report 1979

Receipts

Balance December 31, 1978		461.97
Interest Trust Funds	97.99	
Town	2,800.00	
Gifts	294.00	
Library Auction	249.85	
		3,903.81

Expenditures

Electricity	88.35	
Fuel	478.03	
Salaries	1,386.00	
Supplies, Maintenance, etc.	52.42	
Books, Magazines and Records	481.09	
		2,485.89
Balance December 31, 1979		1,417.92

Acworth Road Agent's Report

All roads were graded twice or three times this past year. Culverts were put in on Charlestown Road, Grout Hill, Gates Mountain, Beryl Mountain, Quinn's and Black North.

Crushed gravel was put in on the following roads: Linn Hill, Gates Mountain, Phoenix's Nest, Ballas Sawmill Road, Ken Bascom's, Cold Pond, Pitkins, J. Balla, Campbell's, Harvey Putnam, Turkey Shoot, School House Road, La-Barre's, Ingoldbys, Pholf's, Grout Hill, Hidden Springs and Poly Hill Road.

Hot Top was put around the Town Hall and Crescent Lake Road. We sealed around the Town Hall, Crescent Lake and parts of Luther's Hill.

Brush and dead trees were cut on Derry Hill, Grout Hill, Gates Mountain, East Acworth Road, Beryl Mountain Road, Lynn Hill, Luther's Hill, Charlestown Road and Forrest Road. All equipment and snow plows were painted.

TRA money was spent on the Charlestown Road.

I want to thank everyone who helped and worked with me this past year.

Thank you

Don A. Porter, Road Agent

Acworth Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.

1979 Financial Statement

	Actual Expenses for 1979	Estimated Expenses for 1980
1500 Gallons fuel oil	\$ 814.00	\$ 1,350.00
Granite State Electric	175.00	185.00
New England Tel & Tel (Alarm)	126.00	130.00
Gas & Oil (Trucks)	150.00	250.00
Repairs to Truck (Battery)	126.00	350.00
Dues—SWMA	574.00	500.00
Bank Payment	1,709.37	1,500.00
Repairs to Building	70.10	2,250.00
Radio Repairs	254.98	300.00
Village Store	4.50	
Fuller Machine	51.00	
Dave Adams	421.00	
Adams Garage	10.40	
R.N. Johnson	25.00	
R.N. Johnson	7.90	
Marlow Lumber	22.20	
NH Dept. of Motor Vehicles	4.00	
Iroquois Mfg. Co., Inc.	2,121.00	
Upper Valley Fire Equipment	1,500.00	3,000.00
Miscellaneous		500.00
Painting, installation of pump and front-end mount kit & tank	300.00	
Total Budget	8,466.45	10,315.00
Less Income from Town	<u>-3,000.00</u>	<u>-6,000.00</u>
Balance—earned or contributed by Acworth Volunteer Fire Co.	\$ 5,466.00	\$ 4,315.00

Constable's Report

Total miles toured by Cruiser	3,658
Total tours: Acworth (100), Crescent Lake (40)	140
Car accidents	13
Car accidents involving damage other than car	2
Wrecker calls	15
Abandoned cars towed	2
Speeding warnings	7
Traffic Summons	1
Burning of Marijuana	
Break-ins involving theft	9 - 3 cleared
Vandalism	6 - 3 cleared
Break-ins	4
Wood theft	2 - 1 cleared
Town Property stolen	4
Warrants served	4
Truck theft	1 - Results, 2 arrests
Ambulance Assists	7
Logging truck violations	4
Logging operation check	5
Gun shot report	5
Prowler calls	4
Disturbing the Peace	3
Missing Person	1 (found)
Shot gun incident	1
Nude swimming	3 warnings issued
Guns bought by residents	4
Domestic	3

This past year I have had several requests from Townspeople that they were leaving for 2-3 days, would I mind looking after their homes.

I want to thank them for their trust, and I can assure them that this was done. This could bring down the number of break-ins.

Respectfully submitted

Herman Barth, Constable

Dog Warden Report

Total dog calls	32
Dogs destroyed	2
Stray dogs	found homes for 6
Restrain Orders	12
Dog bites	2-10 day restrain orders
Written second warnings	4
Bobcat report	1 - destroyed
Deer killed by cars	2
Farm animals killed by dogs	2

You will notice the sharp increase in dog calls this past year. This is getting to be quite a problem. We must all try to reduce this, because in the ensuing year I will have to issue warrants, according to revised State Laws; this can be very costly. Every time I hold a dog, there is a \$3.00 charge per day, if the owner is known. It costs the Town \$14.00 per dog to have him destroyed, so the taxpayer must pick up the burden sooner or later.

Respectfully submitted

Herman Barth, Dog Warden

Fall Mountain Visiting Nurse Association

The Fall Mountain Visiting Nurse Association requests \$1,551.00, the same amount requested in 1979, to support non-reimbursable services in Acworth in 1980. The amount is based on a per capita rate that is identical for all towns served.

In 1979, VNA services were provided to 64 Acworth residents, 13.5% of the total population. Included were skilled nursing and occupational therapy home visits, and clinics for flu vaccination and multi-phasic health screening. There were follow-up programs after each clinic for any persons having positive test results to insure that problems received proper medical attention.

Because of a substantial increase in the number of services provided in 1979, the VNA was able to reduce unit costs by 4.5%. In addition, the agency has sought and received two small grants from the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health which help subsidize services the towns previously were requested to support.

The agency plans to continue searching in 1980 for alternative sources of income in an effort to reduce the burden for local taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted

Katherine Frazer, Director

Charlestown Children & Youth Project

Our Staff includes full-time, Irene Crabtree, R.N., Nurse Coordinator, and the following part-time people: Carol Jue, social worker; Ann Henry, nutritionist; Hazel Collier, community health aide; Candy Raymond, secretary; Nellie Mullane, clinic driver; Marion Moriglioni, R.N., immunization nurse; Paul Okosky, M.D.; Charles Brenton, Jr., M.D.; and, Sharon Field, R.N., family nurse practitioner.

In the past year we have established an advisory board of community members, which allows us to plan our educational programs based on the current needs of the community, educational programs and support groups are open to all community members, regardless of participation in the CY Program.

Some of the educational programs we have offered this past year are: The First Year of Life; Preparation for Kindergarten—Pre-school Fun; Food for Your Family for Less; Your Changing Bodies—sex education for 10 to 12-year olds; On-going Mother's Support Group—with monthly education/information programs; Pregnant Mother's Group.

These educational programs in conjunction with the preventive health care schedule (physical exams, immunizations, screening, counselling, etc.) are planned to carry out our goal of quality health care and reduction of preventable disease and disability among children in the project area.

Respectfully submitted

Candy Raymond, Secretary

Charlestown Children & Youth Project
Box 15, Charlestown, NH 03603

NH/VT Solid Waste Project

Progress continues to be made in the NH/VT Solid Waste Project. SCS Engineers of Augusta, Maine presented their final report in May. The report identified four potential industrial steam users in Claremont, New Hampshire and indicated that combustion with steam recovery was feasible. This was encouraging, because at a recent public meeting, officials from New Hampshire and Vermont indicated that the long-term cost of landfilling would increase rapidly.

In September, 1979 the Project received a \$100,000 grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency. The \$35,000 budgeted by the 25 participating communities was used to match the Federal funds and a 17-month Phase II effort was initiated. Ted Siegler, an economist and solid waste management specialist, was hired on October 1, 1979 as Project Manager and is responsible to a Project Management Team composed of the Sullivan County Engineer, Southern Windsor County Regional Commission Executive Director and the Claremont City Manager. An office was established at Room 342 in the Moody Building in Claremont, New Hampshire.

Control of the Project now officially rests with the NH/VT Solid Waste Planning Committee, headed by Stanley Williamson of Goshen, New Hampshire, chairman, and Wesley Hrydziusko of Windsor, Vermont, vice-chairman.

The Planning Committee meets bi-monthly to direct the Project Management Team. Each of the 25 communities in the study area has at least one representative with voting rights based on solid waste generation. Two sub-committees have also been established to work more closely on the technical and organizational issues.

A formal request for proposals has been released in an effort to hire engineering and economic consultants. It is expected that consultants will be working by May 1, 1980 with a draft report in October and a final report in December. The Organizational Sub-committee will also begin meeting shortly to draft a long-term cooperative agreement between all the communities. Voters will be asked to decide whether to commit themselves to the Project at the next Town Meeting in 1981, based on results of the consultant's reports and the Organizational committee work.

Respectfully submitted

Ted Siegler, Project Manager

Room 342, Moody Building, Claremont, NH 03743

Board of Assessors Study Committee

The work of a Board of Assessors is two jobs: appraisal, involving placing on a property a value which is fair and equitable relative to all other property; and, assessment, which is mechanics of tax computation and by current methods the hand-copying of several hundred names and several thousand entries into two different books. The second book goes to the Tax Collector who prepares and mails several hundred tax bills.

This unwieldy method, both time consuming and prone to error, can be done by machine in a fraction of the time now spent, and virtually without error at a reasonable cost. Additionally, the taxpayer would benefit from a more informative tax bill showing tax map numbers and separate appraisals for land and buildings.

Of the thirty towns comprising the upper valley—Lake Sunapee Region, 13 use outside computer services, three have their own computer, and six have computer service under consideration. (At the time of the survey, Acworth had not considered the use of a computer.) Comments from towns using a computer include: “Many hours saved,” Lempster; “Very satisfactory, much time saved,” Newport; “Very accurate, saves time,” Plainfield; “Speed and accuracy are amazing,” Sutton.

There is no more important job in town government than that of property appraisal and that appraisal must, by law, be fair and equitable. The best indication of generally unfair taxation would be an inordinate number of tax complaints. Acworth Selectmen yearly receive very few complaints and so it follows that the job they do in their capacity as appraisers is being done well, with few exceptions. This is not to say that there is no room for improvement, and the means for improvement is at hand.

The State offers, each year, a week-long course for assessing officials. This Committee urges the Board of Selectmen to send one of its members each year to this school and recommends the Town defray the costs out of the Budget Item, “Town Officer’s Expenses.”

Accordingly, the Committee endorses the use of a computer service for preparing tax bills and related accounts, and it does not recommend, at this time, a separate Board of Assessors.

Respectfully submitted

The Committee

Tax Rates Per Hundred Dollars Ten Years and Distribution of Dollars

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
Town	1.25	.86	1.24	.61	.96
School	2.88	2.41	2.06	2.27	2.33
County	.37	.39	.30	.42	.36
TAX RATE	4.50	3.66	3.60	3.30	3.65

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Town	.92	.99	.94	1.02	1.04
School	2.22	2.55	2.50	2.82	2.94
County	.36	.37	.44	.36	.35
TAX RATE	3.50	3.91	3.88	4.20	4.33

Town Tax Revenue Ten Years and Distribution of Revenue

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
Town	39,852.83	35,727.69	36,472.67	24,651.08	44,748.00
School	101,667.55	108,243.03	108,476.69	110,814.86	120,510.65
County	12,995.69	17,414.07	15,713.99	20,117.91	18,184.75
TOTAL	154,516.07	161,384.79	160,663.35	155,583.85	183,443.40

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Town	47,270.19	51,012.40	52,191.00	58,435.00	61,990.00
School	120,510.65	143,519.33	150,666.89	176,894.73	190,355.00
County	20,607.26	20,668.27	26,199.11	22,517.00	22,493.00
TOTAL	195,635.04	215,200.00	230,410.00	257,846.73	274,838.00

Net Town Tax increases	1.56 times
Net School Tax increases	1.87 times
Net County Tax increases	1.73 times
Total Tax Increases	1.78 times

Tax Revenue & Reimbursements

From State — Ten Years

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
Int. & Div. Tax	776.59	784.85	1,545.97	1,743.04	4,034.00
Meals/Rooms Tax	1,868.48	2,083.87	2,283.50	2,522.85	2,727.72
Reimb. Forest	249.08	274.05	371.49	467.53	0.00
Reimb. O. A. Assist	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HWY Subs. Taxes	0.00	7,591.46	15,161.64	15,069.37	14,741.13
Reimb. Bus. P. Tax	0.00	0.00	2,324.68	2,440.92	2,562.96
Class V "Duncan"	9,490.45	9,476.80	10,492.09	12,272.98	13,994.65
TOTAL	12,631.23	20,497.84	32,463.63	34,815.65	38,445.92

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Int. & Div. Tax	3,377.91	4,481.94	7,486.72	4,481.94	4,496.05
Sav. Bank Tax	524.71	1,206.95	793.52	1,102.53	900.88
Meals/Rms Tax	2,933.03	3,130.08	3,130.08	3,130.08	4,176.05
Reimb. Forest	126.55	120.76	134.90	114.46	132.30
Reimb. O. A. Assist	0.00	0.00	5,761.27	0.00	2,136.94
Hwy Subs. Taxes	14,066.02	13,643.08	13,557.40	20,422.92	20,790.84
Reimb. Bus. P. Tax	2,691.08	2,825.64	2,966.92	3,115.28	13,005.14
Class V "Duncan"	12,606.47	15,695.64	15,486.34	14,220.20	13,908.31
TOTAL	36,325.77	41,104.09	49,317.15	47,174.29	59,546.51

Total State Tax Revenue increase 4.42 times.

Trust Funds

Town of Acworth on December 31, 1979

Name of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
Cemetery	N.H. Savings	\$20,823.74	0.00	\$1,145.60	\$241.50	\$21,727.84
Library	N.H. Savings	1,789.06	0.00	100.00	100.00	1,789.06
Cemetery	C.R. Savings	3,789.51	0.00	432.86	251.06	3,980.31

Vital Statistics

Registered in Town of Acworth during year ending 12/31/79

Marriages

Names	Date	Residence	Married
Jeffrey Sherman Bush Cathy Marie Theroux	Feb. 2	So. Acworth So. Acworth	Acworth
Wayne Holmes Bedell Diana Elizabeth Potter	May 12	Boylston, MA Glen Head, NY	Acworth
John J. Shaughnessy Marie E. Moore	May 12	Claremont Acworth	Charlestown
Steven Marks Levin Elizabeth Courtney Langdon	June 24	Acworth Nelson	Nelson
Frederick R. Barth Deborah B. Carlisle	June 30	Acworth Charlestown	Acworth
William F. Starks Margaret S. Smith	July 1	So. Acworth So. Acworth	Acworth
Paul Colburn Linda Wilson	July 6	Acworth Acworth	Acworth
Joe Marks Margaret Cahoon	July 7	So. Acworth So. Acworth	Acworth
Samuel E. Gearhart III L. Diane Sears	Oct. 6	So. Acworth So. Acworth	Richmond

Births

Name of Child	Parents	Born	Place
Joshua Alan Bush	Cathy Marie Theroux Jeffrey Sherman Bush	March 25	Claremont
Kyle Hartt Skinner	Meredith Skinner Robert Skinner	Feb. 25	Acworth
Matthew Haig Robinson	Mary Lou Colson Douglas Haig Robinson	April 18	Acworth
Sarah Kathleen Dole	Kathleen McDonough Albert Dole	June 14	Acworth
Jessica Mae Balla	Glenda Duchane John W. Balla	June 22	Keene
Hester Emily Grant	Christine Janda Robert Grant	July 2	Claremont
Tessa Marie Foote	Jean Medolo Jeffrey Foote	July 24	Acworth
Eric Jason Cannon	Kim Clark Henry Cannon	Sept. 18	Keene

Deaths

Name	Date	Age	Place of Death
Yvonne C. Peat	June 17	91	Peterborough
Sadie H. Bogel	Aug. 21	65	Claremont
William Pettersen	Oct. 5	76	Hanover

Quoted from: The Statistics and Gazetteer of New Hampshire,
Alonzo J. Fogg, Concord, N.H. 1874.

"Acworth, Sullivan Co. The soil of this town is strong and well cultivated producing good crops of corn, wheat, oats and hay.

Rivers and Ponds. Cold River, which takes its rise from Cold Pond in the north-east part of the town, is the only stream of any note. It affords some good water power which is generally improved.

Crystals of Beryls. Acworth is somewhat celebrated on account of the large Beryls that have been found there. One of the Beryls was eight inches in diameter and was sold in the city of New York for \$15,000. It was placed in the Imperial Cabinet at Vienna.

Employments. Agriculture is the principal employment of the people. Acworth is noted for the large amount of maple sugar made there. Some years as many as 80,000 pounds have been produced. There is considerable manufacturing done. Thirty one thousand dollars worth of shoes are annually manufactured, employing thirty-five males and females. Over 700,000 feet of lumber, 200,000 hoops, 5,000 bushels of shoe pegs, 4,000 boxes of clothes pins, 15,000 mop handles, 56,000 hoe handles and 175 dozens of rakes are annually manufactured. Custom shoe work, blacksmithing &c., are carried on. There are five stores in town.

Resources. Annual production of the soil \$90,200; mechanical labor \$23,200; deposits in savings banks \$43,817; money on hand or at interest \$45,807; stock in trade \$8,000.

Churches and Schools. There are three churches in town, viz. Congregational, N. B. Nichols, pastor; Baptist, J. L. Wilson, pastor; Methodist, John L. Smith, pastor. There are thirteen school districts and fifteen schools. Average length of schools for the year, fourteen weeks.

First Settlers. The town was granted to Col. Samuel Stoddard and sixty-four others, September 19, 1766. William Keyes, Samuel Harper and John Rogers removed to this place in 1768.

First Ministers. Rev. Thomas Archebald, ordained 1789; dismissed, 1794. Rev. John Kimball, ordained in 1797, dismissed in 1813.

Boundaries. North by Unity, east by Lempster, south by Marlow, and west by Langdon and Charlestown.

Distances: Thirteen miles south from Newport and forty-four west from Concord.

Railroads: Thirteen miles to Newport depot, on the Sugar River railroad. Stage three times a week to Charlestown station, 7 miles, on the Sullivan railroad."

